

JUNE 27, 2012

Virginia: At a Public Hearing of the Council of the Town of Chatham jointly with the Planning Commission in the Chatham Volunteer Fire Station at 6:30 PM on June 27, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice-Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, and Andrew D. Wall. Absent: Alvin Crider

Present: Attorney Larry Gott

Mayor Rogers stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the request by Eschelon Resources, Inc. for the Town to rezone that parcel of land on South Main Street known as the Old Chatham Elementary School from A1 single family residential to A3 multifamily residential.

Mayor Rogers thanked Ordinance Committee Chairman Bill Black and the Chatham Planning Commission Chair Jayne dePaulo for their work in studying this issue.

Town businessman Ron Brown voiced his opinion that the change would allow for high-end renters on Main Street and the renovations would save this historical property. He said that the developer will respect the historic essence of the neighborhood.

Resident Bill Hedge said that he lives across the street from the school and that he and his neighbors look forward to improvements made to the school. He said that a number of localities in the state have been very successful in this type of residential conversion. He expressed a concern for preservation of any graves at the rear of the school.

Hearing no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Cothran, Clerk of Council

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